## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed is an image reading apparatus for moving a document reading unit to a point below a document feeder that feeds documents, and emitting light from a light source of the document reading unit toward a feed roller of the document feeder, whereby light reflected from a document that travels between the feed roller and the light source is sensed by the document feeding unit 10 to thereby read an image on the document. The apparatus includes a photoelectronic converter for outputting an electric signal that conforms to amount of incident light, and a reading position setting unit for moving the document reading unit, irradiating the feed roller 15 with light from the light source at each position to which the document reading unit is moved, causing the photoelectronic converter to output an electric signal that conforms to amount of light reflected from the feed roller at each position, detecting a range in a sub-scan direction over which this electric signal exceeds a 2.0 predetermined threshold value, and setting a position at the center of this range as a reading position.